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TAGS: PORG SF WA RH

SUBJ: POSSIBLE FRONTLINE MEETING WEEKEND OF SEPT 2-3

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1. DURING AUGUST 30 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON NAMIBIA,
EXTAFF DEPUTY SECRETARY MOGAMI SAID THAT PRESIDENT KHAMA AND
HIS TOP FOREIGN POLICY ADVISORS MIGHT BE UNAVAILABLE FOR
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UN CONSULTATION ON NAMIBIA BECAUSE OF FRONTLINE PRESIDENT'S
MEETING OVER WEEKEND OF SEPT 2-3. MOGAMI SAID THAT FL MEETING
WAS NOT FIRM, AND HE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON TOPICS TO
BE DISCUSSED OR VENUE OF MEETING. SINCE POSSIBILITY OF FL
MEETING HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED, ADDRESSEES
SHOULD CAREFULLY PROTECT MOGAMI AS SOURCE.

2. MOGAMI ALSO TOLD US THAT EXTAF MIN MOGWE WILL NOT RETURN TO GABORONE FOR AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS, ALTHOUGH HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EXPECTED TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT TO PRC. IN VIEW OF UNEXPECTED CHANGE IN MOGWE'S SCHEDULE, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF HE WERE AVAILABLE FOR UN CONSULTATIONS ON NAMIBIA.

3. COMMENT: FRONTLINE MEETING MAY HAVE BEEN CALLED IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR FRONTLINE PRESSURE ON SWAPO TO AVOID FURTHER INCIDENTS WHICH MIGHT UPSET NAMIBIA AGREEMENT. PRESIDENTS MAY ALSO BE GATHERING TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH ZAMBIA IN FACE OF SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION AND CONSIDER CONTENTS OF AHTISAARI'S REPORT AND RESULTS OF INFORMAL SC CONSULTATIONS WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE BY WEEKEND. HOWEVER, WITH FOCUS OF ACTION ON NAMIBIA SHIFTING TO NEW YORK, PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE FL MEETING MAY WELL BE PROSPECTS FOR ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE IN RHODESIA RATHER THAN NAMIBIA. IN ANY EVENT, FRONTLINE MEETING WEEKEND OF SEPT 2-3 WOULD INEVITABLY AFFECT AVAILABILITY OF HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM FL STATES FOR NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS ON NAMIBIA.

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